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Raum für Kurzerledigungen/Note:

Dear Sir,

Re: Mr. Tahar BOUBAHRI; extradition

Referring to your letter, may I inform you of the following:

Mr. Tahar BOUBAHRI entered Austria without a valid visa.

He is currently under detention, and, following the request of the Tunisian government, the legal procedure envisaged for extraditions has been initiated.

As stipulated by Austrian law, the question if Mr. Boubahri is to be extradited or not is presently examined by an independent court. Upon the request of the person whose extradition is sought, the procedure will go into a second instance, a committee of senior independent judges. It is the Federal Minister of Justice who then decides in the last resort. While the procedure is pending at the independent courts, as it is currently the case, the Government according to our constitutional division of power has no means of influencing it.

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I have made the Foreign Ministry in Vienna aware of your letter and will inform you of any new developments in due course.

Yours sincerely

Georg Heindl
1st Secretary